

M. T. AT ST. JOSEPH CONGRESS

Members of Agricultural Faculty Serve as Judges and Speakers.

The University of Missouri was well represented at the third annual Interstate Agricultural and Industrial Congress at St. Joseph last week. A. J. Meyer, secretary of the agricultural extension service, is president of the organization. Prof. C. B. Hutchison judged the corn show and Prof. J. C. Whitten the fruit exhibits.

Several members of the faculty of the College of Agriculture, the extension department and the State Board of Agriculture gave talks. C. A. Helm, who was graduated from the College of Agriculture in 1913, was also on the program, and J. T. Thurman of the same class was chairman of the soils and crops department.

The corn show was better than last year, according to Mr. Meyer. An attempt will be made to hold a national corn show in St. Joseph next year under the auspices of the congress.

SPORT TALK

Opponents of the athletic systems of American colleges often cite as an objection, the great expense of training teams. They figure up all the expense of the athletic departments and then divide the total by eleven, in the case of football, thereby showing an enormous cost in turning out a team.

This system of figuring is erroneous, according to C. L. Brewer, director of athletics in the University. "Here at Missouri this season there were more than 150 men playing football," he said. "There were 102 awards made for notable service, so there were at least that number of men on the fields every night. The eleven men on the Varsity team are but a small part of the great number that play the game each year."

And what is true at Missouri evidently holds good in other American schools and colleges. The basis of the present code of football rules was adopted in 1876, by representatives from Yale, Harvard, Columbia and Princeton universities.

Each Had Its Own Rules Then. Prior to this date, the football colleges of the country, six in number, played the game each under a different code, all of which were adaptations of the association style of play. The rules were changed in various ways and are the basis of the present intercollegiate game.

In the thirty-nine years the game has been played, the number of teams has increased from six to 7,000 schools and college organizations. The 120 players who competed in the intercollegiate campaign of 1876 have now been replaced by an army of 160,000 men, and the total attendance of the games of 1876, approximating 1,000 persons, now has grown to the amazing figures in 1915 of 6,500,000 spectators.

The first year only four games were played. In the season just closed the number of school and college contests approximated 32,000, and the sport itself equaled in general interest its companion, baseball.

Class in Fencing Started.

At German universities, it is said, the popularity of a student is determined to a great extent by the number of scars he carries on his face and head, as a result of fencing duels with his fellow students. Here at Missouri there are various ways of measuring popularity, perhaps by the number of pins worn on the left side of the vest, the number of times one's name appears in the society column of the school notes of the Kansas City Star, or the number of Varsity letters or numerals displayed.

There is no standard of measure for determining heroes at Missouri, but if there need be one, the athletic department may have solved the problem in the establishment of a fencing class, which will begin activities directly after the Christmas holidays.

Twelve Students Enrolled.

Twelve students have already enrolled in the new class, to be under the direction of Paul Barnes. C. L. Brewer, director of athletics, will also take a part in getting the amateur fencers off on the right foot, or whatever foot it is proper for amateur fencers to get off on.

Mr. Brewer doesn't appeal to one as the ideal fencing master. The Tiger director offers a bit too much target for the blade, but he admits that his athletic activities at the University of Wisconsin were not confined entirely to winning the big W in baseball, football and rowing. So it must have been that he learned to wield the rapier.

Although many schools have fencing teams that compete with teams from rival colleges, nothing like that is planned at the University of Missouri just now. The idea of the class in sword direction, according to Mr. Brewer, is to get a few more men interested in work at the gymnasium. New equipment has been bought and will be ready by January. The class will be limited to twenty-five.

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KEEPS UP WITH M. U. AFFAIRS

C. E. Howell, '14, Is Now Instructor in Washington State College.

C. E. Howell, a graduate of the College of Agriculture of the University, now an instructor in animal husbandry at the State College of Washington, writes: "Our team won the judging contest at the Pacific International Livestock Exposition which was held at Portland, Ore."

"I read the Missourian with much interest and try to keep in touch with the doings at the greatest school on earth. There are several Missourians out in this part of the country and we

are planning a get-together meeting soon."

Mr. Howell was a member of the 1914 stock judging team.

Annual Chicken Pie Dinner.

The annual chicken dinner given by the women of the Broadway Methodist church will be given on Thursday at the church. Serving will begin at 11:30 a. m. All are cordially invited to come and partake of the bountiful repast. Tickets are on sale now by the ladies of the church.

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HOOK MAN AWAY; SPEECH LONG

R. C. Griggs, Cadet Comedian, Figures in Amateur Night.

The only thing that saved Roy C. Griggs from getting the hook at the amateur night of Company H of the cadet corps Monday night was the fact that the sergeant-at-arms was absent. Griggs was the natural comedian who was to give the story of his life, but when childhood days lengthened into school days and the days of manhood loomed ahead, the company decided that if any other amateur was to have a chance, Griggs would have to stop. Leon M. Churchon received applause for his violin playing. The "Humoresque" seemed to be the favorite with the audience. A quartet composed of Milton Burnett, Albert von Hoffman, Paul C. Martin and Richard A. Seibel sang. J. H. Weiss

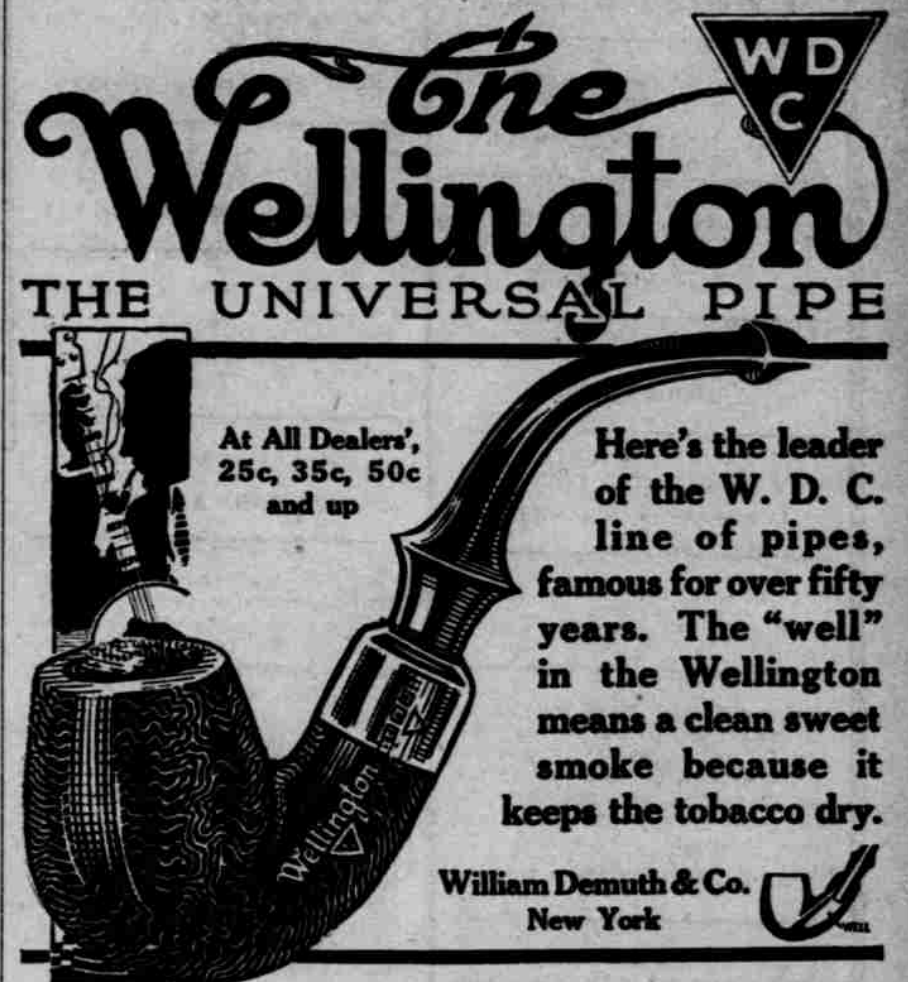
gave a monologue on a visit to an insane asylum. After the entertainment, which was in the basement of Academic Hall, refreshments were served.

ACCEPTS AN ART DIRECTORSHIP

R. B. Harshe, M. U. Graduate, Will Go to Oakland, Cal., Museum.

Robert B. Harshe, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Harshe of Columbia, who was assistant chief of the fine arts exhibits at the Panama-Pacific Exposition at San Francisco this year, has been elected director of the Museum of Fine Arts at Oakland, Cal. Mr. Harshe has accepted the office and will make his home in Oakland. He will begin his duties January 1. Mr. Harshe was graduated from the University in 1899.

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